

**Richland County Youth and Family Council**  
**December 7, 2016**  
**Richland County Children Services**

The following Board members were

**Present:** Joe Devany, Lisa Hall, Patricia Harrelson, Linda T. Keller, Sharlene Neumann, Liz Prather, Karrie Starr, Martin Tremmel, and Joe Trolian.

**Excused:** Hannah Crouch, Dee Pendlebury, Susan Sheaffer, Kim Washington and Tim Wert.

**Absent:** Brian Garverick, Katherine Gerhart, and Dan Varn.

**Guests:** Tracee Anderson, V. Dale Au, Terry Carter, Grace Donahue, Deborah Dubois, Veronica Groff, Heidi Orvosh-Kamenski, and Carmen Torrence.

Teresa Alt, Executive Director and Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant were also in attendance.

**1. Call to Order & Introductions:**

President Joe Devany called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of Minutes November 2, 2016:**

**Joe Trolian moved and Lisa Hall seconded a motion to approve the November, 2016 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Carmen Torrence reviewed the October 2016 finance report. Combined Council cash balance on hand is \$1,003,673.76.

**Joe Trolian moved and Linda T. Keller seconded a motion to file for audit the October 2016 monthly Treasurer's fiscal report as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

**4. Finance Committee:**

Teresa Alt reviewed the Finance Committee report. Teresa thanked Job and Family Services and Children Services for an additional contribution to the pooled fund late in the year. The balance available to commit is \$533,815.22 for the November 2016 report.

**5. Strong Families Respite and Mentoring:**

Tracee Anderson of CACY and a special guest Mentee talked about the CACY Strong Families, Safe Communities Mentoring program. CACY expanded services to Crawford County in February 2016 and began serving males in that county for the first time. Most currently CACY has 43 youth enrolled in the Mentoring program, 33 females and 10 males. There are three additional youth pending enrollment for service from one of four CACY Mentors.

Grace provided an excellent overview of the program from a participant's perspective. Grace also answered questions from the Council members. She expressed gratitude to her mentor, Alayna who has been with her for over a year.

**6. Help Me Grow Report:**

Dale Au presented the November 2016 update to Council regarding Help Me Grow, including the number of children being served which is 114 with eligibility, and 25 without eligibility for Early Intervention services and 68 receiving home visiting services. There were 62 referrals for November. There were several questions regarding the titles “with eligibility” and “without eligibility”. Dale explained that “without eligibility” means that a child is still going through the evaluation process. A suggestion was made to change the title from “without eligibility” to “in process” so that Council members will recall that the service coordinator and team has 45 days to complete the evaluation and assessment to determine eligibility.

**7. Adjournment:**

President Joe Devany adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant to the Richland County Youth and Family Council.

Approved by the action of the Council on January 4, 2017 and approval attest by:

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Joseph Devany, President

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Teresa Alt, Executive Director